

## Around the Farm

### Animal Lore.

The more comfort the more profit. Look out for early lambs; see that they do not get chilled.

Clay floors are good; horses kept on them usually have sound feet.

There is no sense or economy in exposure to either cold or storms.

A good feed of roots at noon to the breeding sows and growing pigs, will be found profitable.

The pens should be cleaned each day, to avoid a filthy condition and to keep the hogs comfortable.

It is wise to feed the hogs well at night, so that they will not become hungry before morning.

Plank floor should be kept in repair so that there will be no breaks that may cause the animals to get cast.

Separate the heavy ewes from the rest of the flock, and see that there are no drafts to affect them in the pens.

The creosol or kerosene emulsion can be applied to the hogs with a broom, from a bucket; or an old spone can be used.

Many a good horse has been spoiled just by standing in the barn doing nothing. Its legs become permanently enlarged. A horse can't stand idleness any more than a man can.

If musty straw is used or old straw is left in the hog nest, there is danger of mange or other skin diseases. A wash of thymocresol, or kerosene emulsion with water (one-thirds emulsion with two-thirds water), can be used to prevent mange and lice.

### The Honey and Egg Makers.

Fence the fowls against all marauding animals.

Keep a good supply of old plaster before the chicks.

Cleanliness is effective in keeping the fowls in health.

During cold weather it is best to water an hour after feeding.

Both pigeons and geese pair; but ducks, turkeys and hens do not.

Bees have been known to fly as far as seven miles in search of flowers.

A single swarm has been known to make 1,000 pounds of honey in a season.

It's the under part of a hen's body that has no protection. All wet soaks in and chills the hen, thus causing most ailments.

The air in an ordinary family cellar will not be fit for bees if decaying apples, cabbage and turnips are not regularly sorted out and removed.

When a sick or droopy fowl is noticed, and there is a doubt about what ails it, a good family liver pill is the safest treatment and the chances are it is just what it needed.—Farm Journal.

### Farm Notes.

Pastures need drainage as well as the meadows.

Some one says that horticulture is the poetry of agriculture.

Farmers are becoming more interested in horticulture.

The farmer's garden is one of the most profitable spots on the farm.

A pasture properly handled is one of the most profitable parts of the farm.

The first thing the model hired man does is to wipe his feet on the door mat.

The orchard on the loamy hilltop cannot be cultivated often or the soil will wash.

Varieties of fruit—who can give you sounder advice than the best growers in your neighborhood?

Which would you bet on to come in ahead, the farmer who works but study, or the farmer who will study but won't work?

Good farming consists in getting the most out of our fields, with the least expenditure of fertilizing elements and then in putting back everything which will build up soil.

### The Hotbeds.

In the management of the hotbed there are five things to be taken into

consideration—maintaining the heat, ventilating, watering, hardening off the plant and transplanting. The temperature of the soil should be kept at 65 to 80 degrees. When the sun is shining the glass should be raised, so that ventilation is possible or the temperature will rise much above the danger point. Frequent watering should be practiced, spraying or sprinkling over the surface, to prevent a hard crust forming on the earth. This is particularly important before the plants appear. In all kinds of weather the beds should be thoroughly ventilated, so that the plants may receive fresh air, which is of much importance in the growing of strong, healthy plants, says an Orange Judd Farmer writer.

### Corn is the Greatest Crop

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### Cows in Spring.

In the spring there is almost always more or less trouble with the udders of cows. The best way to avoid this is to feed no heavy rations for a few weeks before they begin to give milk. Then wheat bran should be about the only grain ration. If the bag becomes caked, rub it often with quite warm water. If very bad, drop a little camphor into the water. Vaseline is also very good. But keep the rubbing up till all the bunches are gone.—Dr. Mitchener in Farm Journal.

### Seeding Oats.

At the Kansas station a number of years ago it was found that the best yields of oats were obtained on spring plowed land for four years in succession. The average for six years showed that no method of seeding produced so good results as sowing with a shoe drill having press wheels. The tests further indicated it not advisable to sow less than two and a half bushels of oats per acre.

### Dehorning the Cows.

If you are going to take off the cow's horns at all, now is the time, before there are any flies to annoy. Don't try to do it yourself; you will be likely to make a bad job of it. Get a man who knows what he is about, and who has some heart in him.

Many a boy is driven from the farm because his father did not "tote fair" with him. He was given a pig or a calf, but when the animal was sold he never saw any of the money. Finding that he could not trust his father, that he had few or no holidays and that farm life was a ceaseless drudgery, it is no wonder the boy grew up to hate the farm and left it at the first opportunity. Be as honest with your boy as with your neighbor.

Don't be such a "wet blanket" that the children and young folks are afraid to speak when you are near. The gossip of a corner store is more to a boy's taste than such a home.

Where one plants the smallest potatoes of the previous year's crop he soon finds himself strictly in a small potato business.

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